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SUBJECT: CONTINENTAL MINT

REF: STRAND LETTER TO AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 17

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS CONFIRMED GUILTY PLEA
APRIL 7, 1974, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA. CHARGES WERE COMPLICATED PRECIOUS
METALS VIOLATION, CONSPIRACY AND BRIBERY. GUILTY PLEA WAS
TO BRIBERY. IN ADDITION TO 10,000 DOLLARS FINE, COURT
IMPOSED 5000 DOLLARS RESTITUTION PAYMENT TO TREASURY.

2. DEPT. HAS NOT CONFIRMED FACT OF SEPARATE INVESTIGATION
MENTIONED IN REF, PROBABLY COULD NOT DO SO WITHOUT
APPRIZING AGENCY INVOLVED OF FULL FACTS OF CASE, AND MIGHT
NOT BE ABLE DO SO EVEN THEN. IN ANY EVENT, FACT OF
INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT BE EVIDENCE OF WRONG-DOING, AND
ITS CITATION AS SUCH COULD CONSTITUTE DEFAMATION. INGERSOLL

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